



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

2005 Hunt Regulations: The Pocket

General Information:

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 540 National Wildlife Refuges – places that provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of wildlife. Carefully managed hunts maintain wildlife populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide recreational opportunities, and permit the use of a valuable renewable resource.

Hunting Regulations:

You are responsible for following all State, and Federal, and Refuge regulations:

- Licenses, all hunting equipment and effects, and vehicles or other conveyances are subject to inspection by Federal or State Officers
- You must have a valid Refuge entrance pass. Purchase passes at Stephen C. Foster State Park between 8a.m. and 5p.m. daily, or the Okefenokee NWR East Entrance Visitor Center between 9am and 5pm.
- Youth hunters (age 10 to 16) must show proof of having passed a state-approved hunter education course and be accompanied by an adult.

Parking and Transportation:

- Enter, park, and exit the refuge only at designated points.
- Motor vehicles are allowed only on the paved roads shown on the attached map
- Park vehicles on the shoulder of the road, but not in the ditches.
- ***Use of ATV's on the refuge is prohibited.*** Walk into your hunt area from the paved road.

Scouting:

- Non-motorized scouting is allowed during daylight hours beginning seven days prior to the hunt
- A daily entrance pass must be purchased in order to scout within the refuge
- Use of flagging, reflective tape, reflective beads or paint to mark scouted areas is strictly prohibited.

Hunting:

- **Hunt dates:** September 10 – October 21
- Sign-in and out of the hunt area each day at the designated kiosk.
- ***The refuge gates will open at 5a.m. and close at 8:30p.m. daily. All hunters must leave the refuge by 8:30p.m. regardless of the situation.***
- Remove all deer stands daily. Use of nails or other metal devices to secure deer stands to trees is prohibited. Do not use metal spikes to climb trees.
- Unload and case all weapons when transporting them in vehicles.
- ***The Suwannee River Sill is not included in the hunt area.*** The hunt boundary to the north and south is the swamp/upland boundary.

Field Dressing:

- Field dress deer or hogs out of public sight.
- An area near the Refuge Office is available for skinning and processing game.

Prohibited Acts:

- Overnight camping, fires, possession and/or use of alcohol, and hunting with dogs are prohibited.

Camping at Stephen C. Foster State Park

If you are camping at Stephen C. Foster State Park, inform them that you are hunting and they will make arrangements for access through their gate. You may not clean or hang deer at state park. Your weapon must be unloaded and stored in its case and remain in your vehicle.

